

to drink the *Soma* juice. May he, with
his asso-
ciates, be satisfied.

8. Divine MABUTS,—of whom IisrDEA is the
chief, and
PiJSHAjs^{T5a} the benefactor,—all hear my
invocations !

9. Liberal donors, along with the
mighty and
associated INDEA, destroy VTITBA : let not
the evil
one prevail against us.

10. "We invoke all the divine MAKUTS,
who are
fierce, and have the (many-coloured)
earth for their
mother,^{1*} to drink the *Soma* juice.

11- "Whenever, leaders (of men), you
accept an
auspicious (offering), then the shout of
the MABUTS
spreads with exultation, like (that) of
conquerors.

12. May the MARUTS, born from the
brilliant
lightning,⁰ everywhere preserve us, and
make us
happy.

13. Resplendent and (swift) moving
PTTSHAN,
bring from heaven the (*Soma*) juice, in
combination
with the variegated sacred grass; as (a
man brings
back) an animal that was lost.

^a The *Mitruts* are styled *Phshdrdfayah*, of whom
PusJian is the
donor, or benefactor ; in what way is not specified.

¹⁾ *Prisnimularalt*,—who have Pmtf.* for their mother.
According
to *Stiya/M*, *Prixiii* is the many-coloured earth,—
ndndranlayu'ktd
Ihhh. In the *NiglitiiifK*, *Prisni* is a synonym of sky,
or heaven

in general. In some texts, as Eosen shows, it occurs as a name of tlio Sun.

* *JlaaMrdd ridyutah*. The Scholiast explains the latter, variously shining, that is, the *antarihla*, or firmament: bnt it does not seem necessary to depart from the usual sense of lightning.